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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AUGUST 1976

MAIN FEATURES

- In August 1976 there were 203 industrial disputes involving 73,000 workers and resulting in a loss of 203,900 working days. Six disputes accounted for 51 per cent of all working days lost.
- The principal dispute involved coal miners in New South Wales, who lost 52,000 working days because of a dispute mainly concerning the timing of annual leave-taking.
- A stoppage by electricity generation workers in Victoria led to wide-spread stand-downs through lack of power.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the month of August 1976 and some previous periods. More information about these disputes will appear later in the detailed quarterly bulletin *Industrial Disputes* (Reference No. 6.6). The quarterly bulletins also include statistics for earlier periods.

2. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition)*, 1969, Vol. 1.

3. The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are those thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but who are not themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may have been estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

4. Stoppages of work occurring at different times and at different establishments, but having a common cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However, an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Average days lost per worker involved on a monthly basis are not comparable with the yearly averages, because workers involved are included in each month in which they are involved in disputes, while they are counted once only for each dispute in the annual figures. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Godfrey Laurie on 52 6573 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (a) (\$'000)
	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Number (a) ('000)	Average days per worker involved (b)	
1971	..	2,404	..	1,326.5	3,068.6	2.3	45,241.3
1972	..	2,298	..	1,113.8	2,010.3	1.8	32,074.4
1973	..	2,538	..	803.0	2,634.7	3.3	45,206.5
1974	..	2,809	..	2,004.8	6,292.5	3.1	128,301.8
1975	..	2,432	..	1,398.0	3,509.9	2.5	95,760.7
1975 -							
August	209	269	44.5	74.9	292.8	3.9	8,218.9
September	176	219	55.2	78.6	264.9	3.4	7,566.8
October	212	238	98.3	115.6	206.1	1.8	5,477.3
November	153	182	312.7	322.3	270.1	0.8	7,289.5
December	86	103	11.5	15.2	39.7	2.6	1,090.6
1976 -							
January	122	122	16.8	16.8	71.2	4.2	2,096.0
February	234	261	64.6	69.7	192.7	2.8	5,624.8
March	236	272	63.3	71.3	242.6	3.4	6,866.7
April	151	184	52.2	61.5	165.7	2.7	5,314.9
May	182	211	83.7	91.2	128.6	1.4	3,886.9
June (c)	164	187	398.5	400.9	573.0	1.4	16,763.2
July (c)(d)	142	168	1,293.3	1,625.0	1,673.4	1.0	48,664.1
August (d)	178	203	64.8	73.0	203.9	2.8	6,677.4

(a) Refers to all disputes operative and workers involved in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Monthly figures are not comparable with yearly figures - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Includes Medibank stoppages. (d) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES (a), AUSTRALIA .
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (b)

Period	Manufacturing				Constru- ction	Transport and storage; communication		Other industries (d)	All industries
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment (c)	Other		Steve- doring services	Other		
	Coal	Other							
1971	251.6	83.2	636.7	317.7	1,109.5	73.9	300.1	295.9	3,068.6
1972	60.8	62.0	620.2	393.7	407.8	39.2	205.2	221.3	2,010.3
1973	87.5	155.3	800.8	661.4	439.3	49.5	93.2	347.6	2,634.7
1974	163.0	146.5	2,850.8	756.7	1,188.7	111.1	516.2	559.4	6,292.5
1975	343.3	90.0	1,279.2	464.1	497.0	46.2	146.7	643.5	3,509.9
1975 -									
August	55.5	15.0	77.5	61.1	46.2	2.1	4.6	30.7	92.8
September	72.0	9.9	83.5	23.8	14.7	1.7	27.0	32.2	64.9
October	2.2	4.9	83.5	44.9	16.9	6.3	11.9	35.5	106.1
November	3.0	9.1	75.1	62.1	33.6	10.8	30.8	45.5	70.1
December	1.5	2.1	9.8	20.5	1.7	1.4	2.0	0.7	39.7
1976 -									
January	0.9	20.3	5.6	29.9	10.3	0.1	1.4	2.5	71.2
February	13.1	19.8	45.8	55.7	28.3	4.2	3.3	22.6	92.7
March	10.7	6.8	36.5	54.8	32.2	0.5	18.5	82.7	42.6
April	6.0	37.1	32.5	11.4	25.6	1.2	8.2	43.8	65.7
May	3.6	13.7	13.6	13.7	17.5	3.1	50.7	12.7	28.6
June (e)	10.1	17.3	128.6	88.5	87.7	5.5	102.2	133.1	73.0
July (e)(f)	30.6	30.4	366.5	355.3	223.9	14.0	183.2	469.6	1,734.4
August (f)	54.6	4.0	64.3	33.3	19.6	2.6	6.3	19.5	103.9

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification - see paragraph 2, page 1. (b) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) ASIC sub-divisions 29, 31, 32, 33. (d) ASIC divisions A, D, F, I to L. (e) Includes Medibank stoppages. (f) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. — INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust. (b)</i>
1971	1,887.5	689.6	271.4	111.2	69.4	20.6	3,068.6
1972	866.8	638.4	292.2	60.9	94.6	19.2	2,010.3
1973	1,098.1	780.5	320.2	130.6	117.3	140.1	2,634.7
1974	2,665.0	2,386.6	529.5	316.5	256.9	88.5	6,292.5
1975	1,477.8	1,221.7	473.3	127.6	100.7	40.6	3,509.9
1973 —							
August	113.0	33.7	42.8	7.1	15.7	2.5	218.6
September	91.2	83.2	25.1	6.8	4.3	0.2	215.9
October	110.3	87.3	14.9	15.3	12.9	1.8	245.2
November	125.2	44.6	27.4	23.3	21.0	8.5	257.9
December	10.8	6.5	3.4	24.7	0.8	3.6	49.8
1974 —							
January	30.9	7.5	6.4	1.3	5.9	0.2	53.6
February	253.4	125.7	13.2	16.1	5.0	1.1	418.1
March	1,063.1	728.0	45.8	99.1	8.6	54.1	2,011.3
April	351.4	454.8	67.2	37.2	16.8	5.2	936.1
May	252.0	189.1	44.3	52.2	11.4	4.4	559.6
June	108.7	94.4	7.3	7.4	12.1	3.0	235.1
July	117.3	214.7	136.2	37.8	11.8	4.6	526.2
August	215.0	400.2	127.7	34.6	28.9	1.5	816.3
September	116.7	73.9	25.2	18.4	17.7	1.4	255.1
October	46.3	49.2	19.7	6.3	105.5	11.3	238.6
November	69.0	31.5	27.2	5.2	25.3	1.4	161.8
December	41.3	17.6	9.4	1.0	7.9	0.1	80.5
1975 —							
January	15.1	7.5	7.1	3.1	4.0	0.1	36.9
February	54.5	15.8	32.6	4.3	6.0	0.4	116.7
March	119.6	18.9	24.0	2.6	1.6	0.5	169.1
April	281.6	91.4	16.2	5.2	9.7	1.9	416.3
May	218.7	215.7	31.5	10.9	15.7	2.2	504.6
June	280.2	217.3	65.8	24.9	14.4	8.3	635.3
July	210.9	208.6	80.0	26.7	10.4	12.0	557.6
August	91.6	109.8	57.2	14.4	8.1	8.1	292.8
September	86.5	90.6	66.4	9.3	6.9	2.1	264.9
October	67.7	75.2	35.6	16.9	7.1	2.7	206.1
November	37.5	152.8	54.8	7.6	14.1	1.4	270.1
December	13.8	18.2	2.3	1.7	2.7	1.0	39.7
1976 —							
January	14.8	20.5	5.3	0.8	22.0	7.8	71.2
February	107.7	31.3	16.2	4.1	24.0	8.7	192.7
March	93.4	110.5	14.5	11.5	9.1	0.6	242.6
April	54.4	42.1	18.9	7.6	39.2	1.5	165.7
May	44.4	35.4	18.7	6.6	15.6	4.4	128.6
June (c)	91.4	443.9	20.2	4.6	11.5	0.5	573.0
July (c)(d)	729.4	525.6	236.7	93.9	48.8	25.0	1,673.4
August (d)	95.9	72.9	12.3	8.7	6.8	7.1	203.9

(a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period — see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Medibank stoppages. (d) Subject to revision.

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WORKING DAILY LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WIND	TEMP	SEA	WAVE	SWELL	WIND	TEMP	SEA	WAVE	SWELL
1976	0800	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
1976	2100	2200	2300	2400	2500	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200
1976	3300	3400	3500	3600	3700	3800	3900	4000	4100	4200	4300	4400
1976	4500	4600	4700	4800	4900	5000	5100	5200	5300	5400	5500	5600
1976	5700	5800	5900	6000	6100	6200	6300	6400	6500	6600	6700	6800
1976	6900	7000	7100	7200	7300	7400	7500	7600	7700	7800	7900	8000
1976	8100	8200	8300	8400	8500	8600	8700	8800	8900	9000	9100	9200
1976	9300	9400	9500	9600	9700	9800	9900	10000	10100	10200	10300	10400
1976	10500	10600	10700	10800	10900	11000	11100	11200	11300	11400	11500	11600
1976	11700	11800	11900	12000	12100	12200	12300	12400	12500	12600	12700	12800
1976	12900	13000	13100	13200	13300	13400	13500	13600	13700	13800	13900	14000
1976	14100	14200	14300	14400	14500	14600	14700	14800	14900	15000	15100	15200
1976	15300	15400	15500	15600	15700	15800	15900	16000	16100	16200	16300	16400
1976	16500	16600	16700	16800	16900	17000	17100	17200	17300	17400	17500	17600
1976	17700	17800	17900	18000	18100	18200	18300	18400	18500	18600	18700	18800
1976	18900	19000	19100	19200	19300	19400	19500	19600	19700	19800	19900	20000
1976	20100	20200	20300	20400	20500	20600	20700	20800	20900	21000	21100	21200
1976	21300	21400	21500	21600	21700	21800	21900	22000	22100	22200	22300	22400
1976	22500	22600	22700	22800	22900	23000	23100	23200	23300	23400	23500	23600
1976	23700	23800	23900	24000	24100	24200	24300	24400	24500	24600	24700	24800
1976	24900	25000	25100	25200	25300	25400	25500	25600	25700	25800	25900	26000
1976	26100	26200	26300	26400	26500	26600	26700	26800	26900	27000	27100	27200
1976	27300	27400	27500	27600	27700	27800	27900	28000	28100	28200	28300	28400
1976	28500	28600	28700	28800	28900	29000	29100	29200	29300	29400	29500	29600
1976	29700	29800	29900	30000	30100	30200	30300	30400	30500	30600	30700	30800
1976	30900	31000	31100	31200	31300	31400	31500	31600	31700	31800	31900	32000
1976	32100	32200	32300	32400	32500	32600	32700	32800	32900	33000	33100	33200
1976	33300	33400	33500	33600	33700	33800	33900	34000	34100	34200	34300	34400
1976	34500	34600	34700	34800	34900	35000	35100	35200	35300	35400	35500	35600
1976	35700	35800	35900	36000	36100	36200	36300	36400	36500	36600	36700	36800
1976	36900	37000	37100	37200	37300	37400	37500	37600	37700	37800	37900	38000
1976	38100	38200	38300	38400	38500	38600	38700	38800	38900	39000	39100	39200
1976	39300	39400	39500	39600	39700	39800	39900	40000	40100	40200	40300	40400
1976	40500	40600	40700	40800	40900	41000	41100	41200	41300	41400	41500	41600
1976	41700	41800	41900	42000	42100	42200	42300	42400	42500	42600	42700	42800
1976	42900	43000	43100	43200	43300	43400	43500	43600	43700	43800	43900	44000
1976	44100	44200	44300	44400	44500	44600	44700	44800	44900	45000	45100	45200
1976	45300	45400	45500	45600	45700	45800	45900	46000	46100	46200	46300	46400
1976	46500	46600	46700	46800	46900	47000	47100	47200	47300	47400	47500	47600
1976	47700	47800	47900	48000	48100	48200	48300	48400	48500	48600	48700	48800
1976	48900	49000	49100	49200	49300	49400	49500	49600	49700	49800	49900	50000
1976	50100	50200	50300	50400	50500	50600	50700	50800	50900	51000	51100	51200
1976	51300	51400	51500	51600	51700	51800	51900	52000	52100	52200	52300	52400
1976	52500	52600	52700	52800	52900	53000	53100	53200	53300	53400	53500	53600
1976	53700	53800	53900	54000	54100	54200	54300	54400	54500	54600	54700	54800
1976	54900	55000	55100	55200	55300	55400	55500	55600	55700	55800	55900	56000
1976	56100	56200	56300	56400	56500	56600	56700	56800	56900	57000	57100	57200
1976	57300	57400	57500	57600	57700	57800	57900	58000	58100	58200	58300	58400
1976	58500	58600	58700	58800	58900	59000	59100	59200	59300	59400	59500	59600
1976	59700	59800	59900	60000	60100	60200	60300	60400	60500	60600	60700	60800
1976	60900	61000	61100	61200	61300	61400	61500	61600	61700	61800	61900	62000
1976	62100	62200	62300	62400	62500	62600	62700	62800	62900	63000	63100	63200
1976	63300	63400	63500	63600	63700	63800	63900	64000	64100	64200	64300	64400
1976	64500	64600	64700	64800	64900	65000	65100	65200	65300	65400	65500	65600
1976	65700	65800	65900	66000	66100	66200	66300	66400	66500	66600	66700	66800
1976	66900	67000	67100	67200	67300	67400	67500	67600	67700	67800	67900	68000
1976	68100	68200	68300	68400	68500	68600	68700	68800	68900	69000	69100	69200
1976	69300	69400	69500	69600	69700	69800	69900	70000	70100	70200	70300	70400
1976	70500	70600	70700	70800	70900	71000	71100	71200	71300	71400	71500	71600
1976	71700	71800	71900	72000	72100	72200	72300	72400	72500	72600	72700	72800
1976	72900	73000	73100	73200	73300	73400	73500	73600	73700	73800	73900	74000
1976	74100	74200	74300	74400	74500	74600	74700	74800	74900	75000	75100	75200
1976	75300	75400	75500	75600	75700	75800	75900	76000	76100	76200	76300	76400
1976	76500	76600	76700	76800	76900	77000	77100	77200	77300	77400	77500	77600
1976	77700	77800	77900	78000	78100	78200	78300	78400	78500	78600	78700	78800
1976	78900	79000	79100	79200	79300	79400	79500	79600	79700	79800	79900	80000
1976	80100	80200	80300	80400	80500	80600	80700	80800	80900	81000	81100	81200
1976	81300	81400	81500	81600	81700	81800	81900	82000	82100	82200	82300	82400
1976	82500	82600	82700	82800	82900	83000	83100	83200	83300	83400	83500	83600
1976	83700	83800	83900	84000	84100	84200	84300	84400	84500	84600	84700	84800
1976	84900	85000	85100	85200	85300	85400	85500	85600	85700	85800	85900	86000
1976	86100	86200	86300	86400	86500	86600	86700	86800	86900	87000	87100	87200
1976	87300	87400	87500	87600	87700	87800	87900	88000	88100	88200	88300	88400
1976	88500	88600	88700	88800	88900	89000	89100	89200	89300	89400	89500	89600
1976	89700	89800	89900	90000	90100	90200	90300	90400	90500	90600	90700	90800
1976	90900	91000	91100	91200	91300	91400	91500	91600	91700	91800	91900	92000
1976	92100	92200	92300	92400	92500	92600	92700	92800	92900	93000	93100	93200
1976	93300	93400	93500	93600	93700	93800	93900	94000	94100	94200	94300	94400
1976	94500	94600	94700	94800	94900	95000	95100	95200	95300	95400	95500	95600
1976	95700	95800	95900	96000	96100	96200	96300	96400	96500	96600	96700	96800
1976	96900	97000	97100	97200	97300	97400	97500	97600	97700	97800	97900	98000
1976	98100	98200	98300	98400	98500	98600	98700	98800	98900	99000	99100	99200
1976	99300	99400	99500	99600	99700	99800	99900	10000	100100	100200	100300	100400
1976	100500	100600	100700	100800	100900	101000	101100	101200	101300	101400	101500	101600
1976	101700	101800	101900	102000	102100	102200	102300	102400	102500	102600	102700	102800
1976	102900	103000	103100	103200	103300	103400	103500	103600	103700	103800	103900	104000
1976	104100	104200	104300	104400	104500	104600	104700	104800	104900	105000	105100	105200
1976	105300	105400	105500	105600	105700	105800	105900	106000	106100	106200	106300	106400
1976	106500	106600	106700	106800	106900	107000	107100	107200	107300	107400	107500	107600
1976	107700	107800	107900	108000	108100	108200	108300	108400	108500	108600	108700	108800
1976	108900	109000	109100	109200	109300	109400	109500	109600	109700	109800	109900	